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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON STORY ON ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/TPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
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FOLLOWING ARE Q'S AND A'S TO BE USED ON "IF ASKED" BASIS  
FOR POSSIBLE INQUIRES OVER WEEKEND.

Q. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY REACTION TO THE  
ANDERSON STORY ON ARGENTINA?

A. MR. ANDERSON'S OFFICE QUERIED US EARLIER ON THIS. WE  
INFORMED HIS ASSOCIATE, LES WHITTEN, THAT WHILE THERE  
HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF EXECUTION OF PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA,  
WE DO NOT HAVE THE KIND OF FIRST-HAND INFORMATION WHICH  
WOULD ALLOW US TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS. WE ALSO INDICATED  
THAT NO SUBJECT HAS BEEN RAISED MORE FREQUENTLY IN OUR  
DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH THE ARGENTINES DURING THE LAST  
SIX MONTHS THAN HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE TREATMENT OF  
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AMERICAN AND ARGENTINE PRISONERS. THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN  
RAISED AT VERY HIGH LEVELS IN WASHINGTON AND BUENOS AIRES.

Q. WELL, HAVE WE DONE ANYTHING SPECIFIC WITH THE  
ARGENTINES REGARDING THIS STORY?

A. MR. ANDERSON'S OFFICE HAS PROVIDED US WITH A LIST  
OF ALLEGED PRISONERS IN DANGER. WE HAVE BROUGHT THIS  
MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY, AT  
THE SAME TIME EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE WELFARE OF  
THOSE LISTED. THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IS LOOKING INTO THIS  
MATTER.

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